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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL FY-76 FUNDS FOR SINGAPORE COMMUNITY

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1. IN PERIOD SINCE REF C AND FOLLOWING TALKS WITH CENTRAL NARCOTIC BUREAU (CNB), IT NOW APPEARS THAT SINGAPORE AMERICAN COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL (SACAC) WILL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE TO OFFER CONFIDENTIAL COUNSELING. CNB DRUG RAIDS, RESULTING IN ARREST OF 31 FORMER AND PRESENT SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL (SAS) STUDENTS AND CONVICTION OF EIGHT AMERICAN YOUTHS TO DATE, PROVIDED THE STICK TO GO ALONG WITH THE SACAC CARROT, FORCING RECOGNITION AMONG THE COMMUNITY THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SACAC CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVE COUNSELING. OWING TO SACAC ADMINISTRATOR BOB REYNOLDS' EXCELLENT HANDLING OF EXPLOSIVE SITUATION, SACAC EMERGED FROM RECENT EVENTS UNCOMPROMISED IN EYES OF MOST STUDENTS AND PARENTS AND WITH CONTINUED CNB TOLERANCE OF ITS PROGRAM. COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SACAC'S ON-GOING COUNSELING, EDUCATION, AND ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITY PROGRAMS HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED AND COMMUNITY RECEPTIVE TO NEW INITIATIVES.

2. DUE TO SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING DRIVE IN COMMUNITY, SACAC REQUIRES NO ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR REGULAR ON-GOING ACTIVITIES  
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DURING TRANSITIONAL QUARTER.

3. HOWEVER, SACAC, WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, REQUESTS \$4,000 SEED MONEY IN TRANSITIONAL QUARTER FOR NEW PEER COUNSELING PROGRAM TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH SACAC WITH ASSISTANCE OF SAS PSYCHOLOGIST AND GUIDANCE COUNSELOR. THIS WOULD BE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT TO SACAC'S OWN COUNSELING AND PROVIDE NON-PUNITIVE COUNSELING PROGRAM AT SAS. SCHOOL OFFICIALS, SACAC AND EMBASSY DISCUSSED SUCH A PROGRAM WITH DR. RICHARD WESTMAS AT EA COMMUNITY WORKSHOP IN KUALA LUMPUR, AND WERE IMPRESSED WITH KABUL'S EFFORTS TO ENLIST STUDENTS IN COUNSELING AND ORIENTATION OF NEW STUDENTS. DR. WESTMAS SUGGESTED TO SAS PSYCHOLOGIST THAT HE CONTACT DR. BEATRIX A. HAMBURG OF THE STANFORD MEDICAL SCHOOL IN PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, AN EXPERT IN THIS FIELD. THE \$4,000 SEED MONEY IS TO BE USED FOR PURCHASE OF MATERIALS, TRAINING AND SALARIES OF PEER COUNSELORS (\$1 PER HOUR). IN ADDITION, IF DR. HAMBURG, DR. WESTMAS OR OTHER QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN FIELD COULD TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE IN JUNE/JULY AND ASSIST IN SETTING UP PROGRAM, IT WOULD HELP GET THIS PROGRAM OFF THE GROUND AND ON THE RIGHT TRACK. OTHER POSTS IN AREA MAY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING PEER COUNSELING OR SIMILAR PROGRAM, AND PRESUMABLY COULD BENEFIT FROM VISIT TO THIS AREA BY QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL IN THIS FIELD.

4. THIRD QUARTER PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL REPORT BEING AIR  
POUCHED APRIL 30.

5. FOR FY-77, SACAC CURRENTLY ESTIMATES IT WILL REQUIRE \$18,000 GRANT FROM USG IF PROGRAM IS TO CONTINUE. THIS ESTIMATE COULD CHANGE DEPENDING (A) ON SUCCESS OF CURRENT FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND (B) WHETHER SUCCESSOR TO SACAC ADMINISTRATOR/COUNSELOR REYNOLDS CAN BE HIRED AT ROUGHLY SAME SALARY AND BENEFITS.

6. AMBASSADOR HAS REVIEWED AND STRONGLY ENDORSES SACAC REQUEST FOR TRANSITIONAL QUARTER AND FY-77. HOLDRIDGE

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